

# Saudi Arabia

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### PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

Islam's annual hajj pilgrimage in Saudi Arabia will return to pre-pandemic levels this year after restrictions saw the annual religious commemoration curtailed over concerns about the coronavirus. The hajj, required of all able-bodied Muslims once in their life, represents one of the world's largest gatherings of people. Before the pandemic, the pilgrimage drew millions each year to Islam's holy city of Mecca, home to the cube-shaped Kaaba that observant Muslims pray toward five times a day. Pray for the pilgrims from all parts of the world to encounter the manifesting power of the Lord Jesus Christ. Pray for Saudi Arabia to understand the love and redemptive plan of God and live a liberated life([The Bible, Proverbs 5:22](#)).

Source:

<https://www.indiatoday.in/world/story/saudi-arabia-hajj-pilgrimage-returning-to-pre-covid-numbers-2319643-2023-01-10>

### MORE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY

As persecution is on the rise, Saudi Arabia moved to 11th position in the World Watch report 2022 by Open Doors for Christian persecution. Mohammed bin Salman is the crown prince of Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia, the home of Islam, has outlawed Churches and punished Christian worship for decades. The kingdom's 1.4 million Christians meet in secret places. According to the human rights report, Saudi Arabia held the presidency of the G20 in 2020 despite the country's longstanding human rights abuses. The Saudi-led coalition continued a military campaign against the Houthi rebel group in Yemen that has included scores of unlawful airstrikes that killed and wounded thousands of civilians. The majority of the Christians in Saudi Arabia are foreigners who temporarily live and work in the country. They are severely restricted in sharing their Christian faith with Muslims and in gathering for worship, which entails the risk of detention and deportation.



CHIEF OF STATE

King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud

HEAD OF GOV.

PM Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud

POPULATION

33 million

CHRISTIANS

4.3%

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS

0.6%

DOMINANT RELIGION

Islam

PERSECUTION RANKING

14

REFUGEES

70,661

LIFE EXPECTANCY

74.8 yrs

LITERACY RATE

87.2%

POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE

Unknown